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Sir: Transmitted herewith for filing is the patent application of:

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For:
SHEET-RECOGNIZING MACHINE

Enclosed are:



17 Sheets of Drawings

This application is being filed without an executed Declaration.



Priority is claimed from Japanese Application No. 2000-120886 filed April 21, 2000. A certified copy is attached herewith.



Copies of the disclosure documents listed on the attached PTO 1449 form and

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Specification: Abstract , Description 20 pages; and 32 claim(s).



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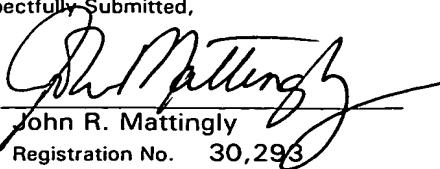


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